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Pashinyan: Referendum on the New Constitution Will Be Held After **Parliamentary Elections**



"Because of this issue of legitimacy, we cannot shake the feeling that citizens of Armenia often feel alienated from legal order established the country. Laws. regulations, and the legal framework often perceived here as inconveniences obstacles... This can be partly due the

referendum The adopting the new Constitution will take place after the 2026 parliamentary elections. Prime Minister Nikol Pashinvan announced on November 22 during the first conference held with representatives of state institutions.

According to Pashinyan, will allow all political forces to share views and positions regarding the constitutional agenda with the public during the election campaign. "Following the elections. the position of the

political majority that

receives the people's vote of confidence will be decisive in shaping the draft Constitution," Pashinyan

He also noted the need to strengthen internal legitimacy through the Constitution. new

occasionally quality of regulations and laws. But that is not the main point right now—the issue is the sense of alienation with which our society often regards the legal and state order," Pashinyan said.

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Behind-the-scenes moment at Armenian Radio Hour of NJ

A candid behind-the-scenes moment at WSOU captures the careful training that powers the weekly broadcasts of the Armenian Radio Hour of New Jersey (ARHNJ). Senior engineer and host Serge Panossian guides volunteer Kayla Bajakejian through her first experience operating the station's music board, teaching her how to set up and connect songs on an iPad for broadcast. "The training of new volunteers is most important for our longevity," said Vartan Abdo, director of ARHNJ. "We trust the young, we train the young, we expect of the young, and the young deliver. It is always on-the-job training with lots of trial and error. Manning the music board requires alertness and multitasking."

Kayla Bajakejian, a freshman at Seton Hall University, is a member of the university's Armenian Club and a prelaw student eager to contribute to the program.



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Shaké and Vahé Nahapetian Partner with Hovnanian School for \$100,000 Giving Tuesday Challenge Gift

Hovnanian School is proud to announce a transformative \$100,000 Giving Tuesday Challenge Gift from Shaké and Vahé Nahapetian, generous supporters of our school community.

This leadership donation—directed toward refreshing our Early Childhood Division's central courtyard, which has experienced natural wear over time, as well as some flooding—will allow us to modernize the playground to create a safer, more vibrant space for our youngest students, and a welcoming environment for new families.

Inspired by this act of generosity, we are launching a **community matching challenge** to raise an additional \$100,000—funds that will be dedicated entirely to our new **S.T.A.R. Fund: Supporting Teacher Advancement and Recognition**—used specifically for teacher bonuses, instructional advancement for teachers, and enrichment programs.

Head of School Stephanie Torossian expressed deep appreciation for the Nahapetian family's leadership and generosity, and great optimism that the community will certainly meet the moment. "All of us at Hovnanian School are so grateful for the Nahapetian's generous gift to renovate our courtyard," she said. "And, while the courtyard repair is an important and necessary project, this challenge gift gives our entire community the opportunity to also come together in support of something that matters deeply to all of us—our teachers!"

Lena DerOhannessian, Board Chair, added "I hope this remarkable demonstration of commitment inspires others to rise to the challenge. Every contribution toward the match directly supports the extraordinary educators who teach, inspire, and guide our children every day."

"We both believe that our Armenian culture and heritage continues to be our highest priority and value," said Shaké and Vahé Nahapetian. "We are delighted to continue supporting Hovnanian School, which provides exceptional education and honors our Armenian heritage, ensuring that our culture and traditions are preserved for generations to come—especially as the school prepares to celebrate 50 years of excellence."

With the Nahapetian's leadership, Hovnanian School hopes to galvanize the entire community to help brighten our school and our shared Armenian future—on this Giving Tuesday, and for the next 50 years.

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Poetry presented by Mrs. Zarmine Boghosian

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Presented by: Zarminé Boghosian 80 **L P Q** C8

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«Կ՛երթաս երկինք, հօրդ ասա՝ եթէ ինքն է ստեղծել մարդկութիւնը, թող տէ՛ր կանգնի իր ստեղծածին, եւ չթողնի իրար կոտորել։

Շատ չէ, մի գիւղական վարժապետի զգօնութիւն ունենայ։ Մի՞թէ այդ ուսուցիչն իր դասը կը շարունակի՞, երբ աշակերտներից երկուսը, իրար կոկորդ բռնած, ուցում են խեղդել իրար։ **Իսկ ներկայիս** աշխարհում, երկուսի բաժանուած, խեղդում են իրար, ու Աստուծոյ հէչ հոգը չէ»։



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Յովհաննէս Գրիգորեան

Մա իմ երկիրն է – չափսերով այնպիսին,, որ կարող եմ վերցնել հետս, թէ մի հեռու տեղ գնամ։

Փոքրիկ՝ ինչպէս ծերացած մայր, փոքրիկ` ինչպէս նորածին զաւակ, իսկ քարտէզի վրայ րնդամէնը արցունքի մի կաթիլ... Մա իմ երկիրն է – չափսերով այնպիսին, որ ազատօրէն տեղաւորել եմ սրտիս մէջ, որ չկորցնեմ լանկարծ...







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Ինչ լա՛ւ է լինել ութսուն տարեկան, Հանդարտ զննել անցեայն ու ներկան, Կեանքից լողալ դուրս ու կանգնել ափին, Հեռացած նայել քո անցած ձամփին։

Ամէն ինչի հետ՝ սէր, խանդ ու արկած Անդարձ, հիմնովին հաշիւր փակած, Անցած սէրերիդ ժպիտով նայել,

Ինքդ քեզ գթալ, ինքդ քեզ ծաղրել, Որ տառապել ես փուչ մարդկանց համար,

Եղել միամիտ, եղել ես լիմար,

Հաւատացել ես սուտ գաղափարին,

Ինքդ էլ չես ջոկել քո չարն ու բարին։

Ի՛նչ լաւ է՝ պարպուած սիրելու բեռից՝ Չնկատե՛լ իսկ հակառակ սեռին,

Զգացմունքներից խօսել հեգնանքով, Տինջ, անմասնակից ու երրորդ դէմբով, Ապրել հենց այնպէս, ազատ, անփական,– Ինչ լա՛ւ է լինել ութսուն տարեկան։

> Ինչ լա՛ւ է լինել ութսուն տարեկան, Վերանալ հողից ու քեզնի՛ց անգամ, Լինել մի ծերուկ, մի պարզուկ պառաւ, Քեցանով չափել աշխարհը արար,

Գլխացաւանքից քեց հեռու պահել, Միշտ տրտնջալու իրաւունք շահել, Լինել մի քիչ խուլ, խռովկան մի քիչ. Գլուխ չհանել նոր ժամանակից,

Ու կամաց-կամաց հասկանալ, զգալ, Որ նայում են քեզ՝ որպէս մի մանկան, Որ արդէն տալիք-առնելիք չունես, Որ կեանթում արդէն անելիք չունես,

Որ լաւ կր լինի ինքդ քեզ լարգես, Ինքդ քո ձեռքով իրերդ կապես, Հանապարհ ընկնես հաշտ ու ինքնակամ...





ՇՆՈՐՀԱԿԱԼ ԵՄ ԵՍ ՁԵԶԻ

Զարեհ Մելքոնեան (1923-2012)

Հացին համար, որ սեղանէն, Ամէն ձաշի Լո՛ւո կր ժպտի

Շնորհակա՛լ եմ ես ձեզի՝

Փռապաննե՛ր այս աշխարհի...: Պտուղներուն համար բուրեան, Որ քաղցրօրէն - Կր շողշողան պարտէզներէն՝

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Պարտիզպաննե՛ր այս աշխարհի...։ Տունին համար, որ ես կ՛ապրիմ Միշտ պաշտպանուած Հովերուն դէմ ու անձրեւին՝

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Շինարարներ այս աշխարհի...: Եւ հացուստին համար աղուոր, Եւ գիրքերուն համար հազար, Եւ լուսաւոր Համբաներո՛ւն համար բոլոր, Եւ անդադար Ինծի տրուած ամէ՛ն, ամէ՛ն բանի համար՝

Շնորհակա՛լ եմ ես

Աշխատողներ այս աշխարհի...: Դո՛ւք էք տուած ինչ որ ունիմ, Դո՛ւք էք շինած աշխարհս իմ, Դո՛ւք անծանօթ բարերարներս իմ սիրելի՝





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Current News from Around the World

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Uraloglu: Cargo leaving China will be able to reach London in just 18 days



The aim is to make the "Zangezur corridor" operational in 2030, according to Turkey's Minister of Transport Uraloglu.

"Cargo leaving China will be able to reach London in just 18 days. And we aim to make the Zangezur Corridor operational in 2030. In a 10-year projection, we calculate that we will obtain 50 billion dollars of revenue from the Development Road alone and provide additional employment for more than 60 thousand people per year," Uraloglu wrote on X.

Pope due in Türkiye and Lebanon for 1st foreign trip with focus on Mideast peace



Pope Leo XIV embarked on his first foreign trip on Nov. 27, a pilgrimage to Türkiye and Lebanon, starting with the Turkish capital Ankara. The pope is scheduled to meet with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan after an official ceremony at the Presidential Complex.



Pope Leo will travel to Istanbul following his program in Ankara. On

Nov. 28 morning, he is scheduled to meet Christian clergy at the Saint Esprit Cathedral in Harbiye.

Later in the day, he will fly by helicopter to İznik to mark the 1,700th



An aerial view of a historical site in Iznik (ancient Nicaea), where Pope Leo XIV is expected to visit from Nov. 28 to Nov. 30 to mark the 1,700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea



anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, Christianity's first ecumenical council held in today's

İznik

Leo will pray with Greek Orthodox Patriarch Bartholomew at the site of the 325 A.D. gathering and sign a joint declaration in a visible sign of Christian unity.

After the İznik program, Pope Leo will



return to Istanbul for a private meeting with bishops.

Pope Leo will also visit the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate and Armenian Cathedral in Istanbul.

On Nov. 30, he will depart for Beirut, where he aims to support the long-suffering Christian community as well as Lebanese of all faiths still seeking justice over the 2020 Beirut port explosion.

Leo, the first U.S. pope, will deliver his first addresses to foreign governments and visit several sensitive cultural sites during the trip.

Parliamentary committee approves shorter military service for conscripts



The Defense Ministry's bill to reduce the duration of mandatory military

service from 24 months to 18 months was approved by the Parliamentary Committee on Defense and Security Affairs ahead of plenary debates.

According to the ministry, recent initiatives—such as the Homeland Defender voluntary contract service, the certification system, the professional sergeant program, and others—have produced positive results and made voluntary service more attractive.

If adopted by parliament, the shorter service period will take effect with the 2025 winter conscription, but it will not apply to those who have already begun their service by then.

Defense Minister Suren Papikyan briefed lawmakers on the initiative.

MP Armen Khachatryan, Deputy Chairman of the Committee, said that multiple reforms in the military have made the initiative possible.

Armath engineers design CubeSat



Engineers at the Armath Engineering Laboratories in Yerevan have designed a CubeSat following the successful ARMSAT-1 and Hayasat-1 missions in 2022 and 2023 respectively.

Although the design is complete, the expediency and potential applications of the CubeSat are yet to be determined before moving forward with development, according to a senior Armath executive.

Maya Shahumyan, the Program Director at Armath, told Armenpress that the project can be highly ambitious if implemented.

"A CubeSat — a nanosatellite — has been designed in one of Yerevan's workshops," she said. "This is one of the space-related projects we want to work on: to facilitate communication between interested organizations or companies and the specialists, so that through discussions it becomes clear which direction the work should continue. I think it will take a few months to clarify all of this," Shahumyan added.

She noted that discussions with experts will ultimately determine

whether it is expedient to proceed with development.

ArmSat-1,
Armenia's first
satellite, was
launched into
space by a SpaceX
rocket from Cape
Canaveral Space
Force Station in
Florida, U.S., in
2022.

The Earth-observation satellite entered its scheduled deorbit phase on November 8 this year, marking the completion of the project.

Meanwhile, HayaSat-1 — the first Armenian-built satellite, developed by the Bazoomq Space Research Lab ARMENPRESS



jointly with the Center for Scientific Innovation and Education (CSIE) — was launched into orbit in December 2023 aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Vandenberg Space Force Base in California. The mission was completed earlier in 2025.

Drs. Alison Vacca and Sergio La Porta to Speak on their Newly Translated History of Ghevond



Dr. Alison Vacca and Dr. Sergio La Porta will present a talk on their newly translated work, "An Armenian Futūḥ Narrative: Łewond's Eighth-Century History of the Caliphate" at 7:00PM on Friday, December 5, 2025, in the University Business Center (5245 N. Backer Ave.), Alice Peters Auditorium, on the Fresno State campus.

This talk introduces the authors' new edition, translation, and commentary of the eighth-century Armenian history attributed to Łewond,, a rare narrative produced from within the early Islamic Caliphate, situates Armenia at the intersection of Roman, Khazar, and Caliphal spheres of influence and offers an informed perspective on provincial

administration, military conflict, and noble politics. Rather than treating Lewond as an unreliable witness, the authors examine his work as a consciously constructed narrative shaped by the concerns of his time.

By comparing Lewond's text with Arabic futūḥ (conquest) literature, they identify shared narrative patterns and frontier storytelling traditions that help explain his organization, while case studies demonstrate his deliberate shaping of chronology and events. Also discussed is his version of the correspondence between Caliph 'Umar II and Emperor Leo III, highlighting its significance for understanding the movement of ideas across Armenian, Arabic, Greek, and Latin traditions.

Dr. Alison Vacca is the Gevork M. Avedissian Associate Professor of Armenian History and Civilization at Columbia University.Her book Non-Muslim Provinces under Early Islam: Islamic Rule and Iranian Legitimacy in Armenia Caucasian Albania, was published by Cambridge University Press in 2017 and received the Central Eurasian Studies Society book award in 2018. Her second book, currently under review, develops an acentric model of medieval history using examples of marriage and matriliny across Eurasia, including in Armenian sources.

Dr. Sergio La Porta is the Interim Dean of the Kremen School of Education and Human Development at California State University, Fresno. He served as the Haig and Isabel Berberian Professor Armenian Studies at Fresno State from 2009-2023, and as Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities from 2019-2023. His research and publications focus on medieval Armenian intellectual history and cultural interactions with the Islamicate, Byzantine, and Latinate worlds.

The lecture is free and open to the public. The presentation will also be live-streamed on YouTube.

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Saint Illuminator Armenian Cathedral

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12-61 Saddle River Rd Fair Lawn, NJ 07410 201-791-2862

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St Stepanos Armenian Apostolic Church

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- ♦ Announcements on the radio program will be made NO EARLIER than 3 months prior to event date
- ♦ Prior to the 3 month limit, your event will be listed in the "Save the Date" section of our events page with a link to your website/email for 6 months (9 months total)
- ♦ The only exception to this policy are cruises and travel (we will post those in our "Save the Date" section up to 12 months in advance, with flyers posted 6 months prior to departure & announcements made 6 months prior to departure)

The Armenian Radio and Armenian Interests newsletter mission is to promote Armenian cultural/educational/social functions run by non-profit organizations

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ <u>December 3, 2025 CHHANGE Fall Testimonial Dinner & Tribute Journal</u>
- ♦ December 5, 2025 Hovnanian School manti night
- ♦ <u>December 7, 20215 A photographic pilgrimage by architect Ronald Altoon Monasteries and</u> Churches of Armenia
- ♦ <u>December 7, 2025 ARF Day Celebration. A Day of Appreciation Sponsored by the ARF Dro</u> Gomideh
- ◆ December 13, 2025 Hamazkayin Levon Shant Theater play "The Little Big Wars of Couples"
- ♦ December 13, 2025 ARS NJ Shakeh Chapter Christmas party
- ♦ December 19, 2025 St. Vartan Cathedral Christmas Concert
- ♦ December 28, 2025 ARS NJ Shakeh Chapter bake sale
- ♦ December 31, 2025 Hovnanian School New Year's Eve Celebration

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- ♦ January 10-17, 2026 Armenian Heritage Cruise
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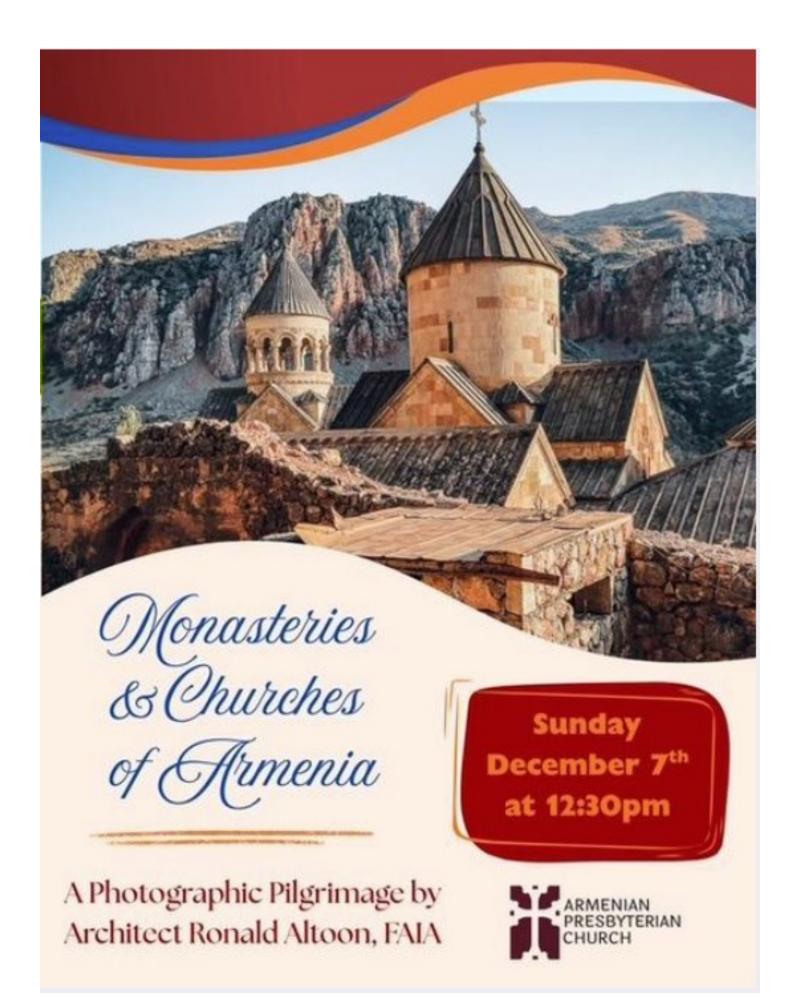
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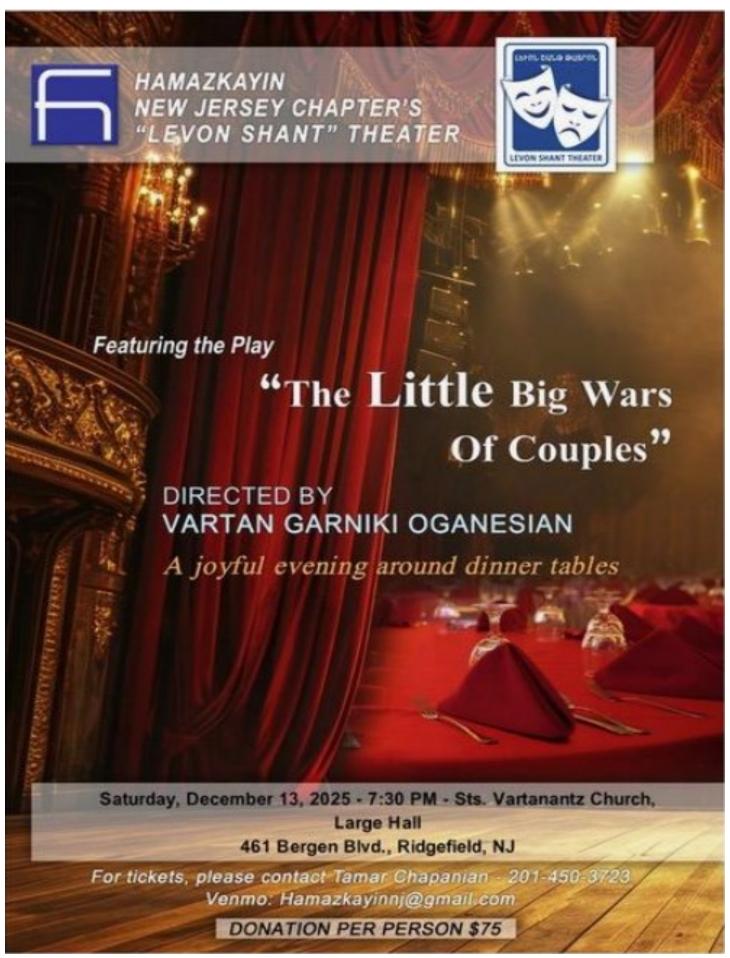
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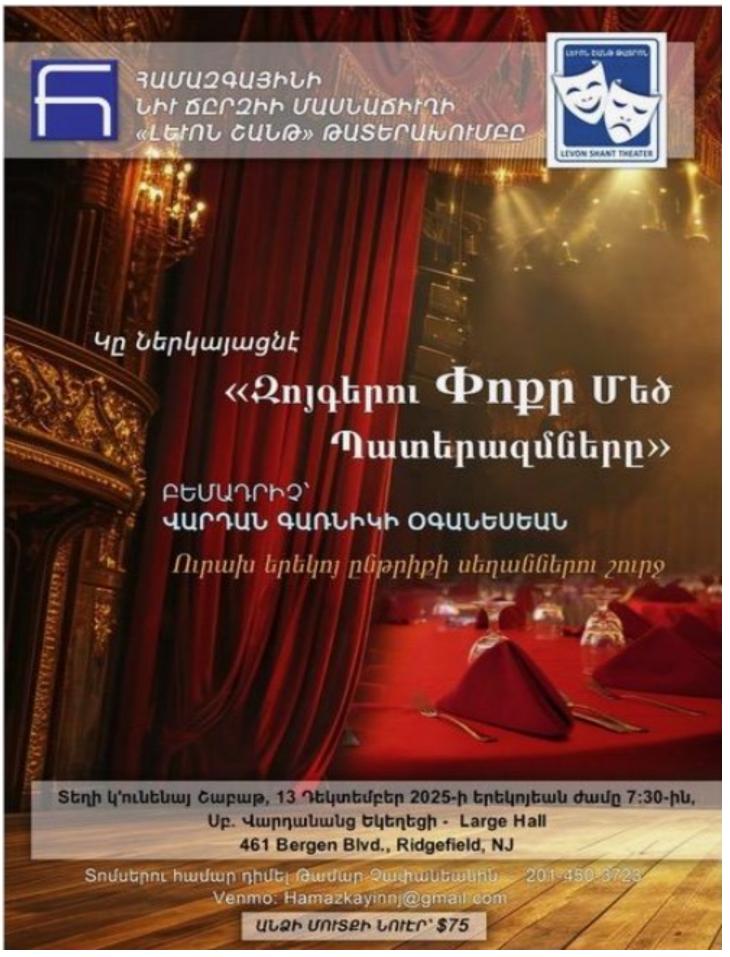


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